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1. On 4 January 1949, the SPD leaders sent a circular to their Trade Union and Works Council officials regarding the Communist agitation over the Ruhr statute. The circular warned them to expect Communist Party initiatives in plants calling for resolutions urging an interzonal Trade Union conference to protest the Ruhr statute. SPD officials were advised to proceed offensively by submitting their own resolutions demanding an interzonal conference with the following agenda:
- The Berlin blockade
  - The problem of the Soviet AGs in the Russian Zone
  - The Ruhr statute
  - The prohibition of the Works Councils in the Russian Zone. The participation on a basis of equality of the Berlin Independent Trade Unions (UGO) is to be made a condition for the conference.

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